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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. VEB Alcid, Chemische Fabrik Heinrichshall VEB (formerly Zschimmer und Schwarz), located in Bad Kösenitz, Thuringia, has reportedly switched to the production of gun and tank parts. The plant employs 800 workers, of whom 300 are apprentices.
2. The chemical division of the Heinrichshall concern allegedly has been experimenting with explosive charges. The experiments are conducted in the Zeitzer forest between Lessen and Heinsdorf (coords. unknown). A base camp of the People's Police (Volkspolizei) and a Russian headquarters are located in this area. The experiments with explosives are under the supervision of these two units. Civilians have been barred from the testing area since September 1951.
3. The explosive charges tested in the Lessen-Heinsdorf area are reportedly those which can be concealed in cigarette cases, fountain pens and books. Workers at the site have been told that these charges are to be used against the "warmongers".\*

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COMMENT: These explosive charges are destined for use in East Germany

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